

24 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Captive Nations Legislation

1. At C/IO request, I met with Gilson Curtis of the Department of State on 24 June to discuss Captive Nations Week. I referred to notification given to the Department in [redacted] of the attempts by Mr. Lev Dobrianski to organize a Captive Nations Week this year by Congressional Resolution, listing as "Captive Nations" countries such as the Ukraine, Aserbiajan, etc., which are officially recognized by this Government as integral parts of the USSR. I re-emphasized that Dobrianski is in no way associated with the Free Europe Committee and briefed Mr. Curtis on Dobrianski's most recent approaches to Congressmen and private groups, including the ACEN, soliciting support for his approach to a Captive Nations Resolution.

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2. I said that both the Agency and Mr. Archibald S. Alexander, President of the Free Europe Committee were concerned about the possible problems that such a Resolution would raise in the light of last year's experience. After having outlined the problem to Mr. Curtis I asked him if he knew of any State Department plans to try to insure that the Dobrianski approach was not accepted and to keep whatever Captive Nations Resolutions that might be adopted confined to the so-called Captive Nations of Eastern Europe or at least limited to a general resolution which would not list the objectionable countries. Mr. Curtis said that the Department was fully aware of the problem as outlined and was indeed concerned about it, but that he knew of no specific plans to approach the Congress. He said that he did understand, however, that an approach to the White House was being considered with a view to urging the President against issuing a Captive Nations proclamation this year.

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